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TAGS: CASC(MISSING AMERICANCITIZENS)

SUBJECT: W/W - MISSING AMERICAN CITIZENS

1. YODER/HERSCHBERGER, BOHN AND BISSELL CASES DISCUSSED
WITH INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON.

2. IS LEGAL ATTACHE IN CARACAS AWARE OF
YODER/HERSCHBERGER AND BISSELL CASES? IF NOT POST ADVISED
INFORM LEGATT PRIOR TO HIS NEXT VISIT THAT SEVERAL USC'S
DISAPPEARED IN ECUADOR UNDER MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES AND
REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN REVIEWING CASES AND POSSIBLY
OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO ECUADORIAN POLICE DURING HIS NEXT
VISIT TO ECUADOR.

3. HAS CONSULAR SECTION SOUGHT ASSISTANCE THROUGHOUT
EMBASSY TO BE CERTAIN THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACTUALLY
AWARE OF CONTINUED CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
INTEREST IN MISSING USC'S. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT
NAVAL ATTACHE AND MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER COULD POSSIBLY
BRING USG CONCERN TO ATTENTION OF DIFFERENT PARTS OF
ECUADORIAN GOVERNMENT. HAVE FORMAL NOTES BEEN SENT TO
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MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS?

4. QUITO REQUESTED OBTAIN COPY OF COMPLETE RPT COMPLETE
STEPHEN BOHN DEATH FILE FROM GUAYAQUIL FOR USE OF LEGATT
IF FILE NOT ALREADY AVAILABLE IN QUITO.

5. U.S. READERS OF ECUADORIAN POLICE REPORTS ON
THESE CASES ARE CONTINUALLY AMAZED BY POLICE INABILITY TO
FOLLOW REPORTED LEADS. KISSINGER

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